HOME READING.

CAT'S-CRADLE.

high, and it's criss-cross flat tor straight lines for the pussy cat; serves under; ah, now there'll be bet cradle, dear grandpa! See!

and it's flat once more. | aindow! But where's the door? and, kolding it so, w. on have a very good door, you know.

year over, now under, now pull it tight : grandpa !- exactly right !" grattical the little one, grandfather's pet, A - defile she wrought. "See, now it's a net!

an whore did you learn cat's-cradle so well? and he could not tell. B. sould not tell, for his heart was sore, 4- no gravely said, "I have played it before."

and maid the sweet little maiden know in he autiful summers long ago? as the merry sports, and the games he played. was a little maid?

hat could she know of the thoughts that ran rough the weary brain of the world-worn man? when she kissed him, dear grand. pa emiled.

that was enough for the happy child.

The Deacon's Week. BY ROSE TERRY COOKE.

anam that turned the wheel of many a round if there was a scattered populaan eating their bread in the full percepemselves on power to hammer at theo- popsy.

in idea took shape in his thought, and get to it. this work be of men, it will come to says she:

"If this counsel or to me, before he came in from the shed, says she:

"Then another man's old mother says of four-foot stone wall than undertake to do a man's livin' Christian duty for

Week of Prayer. I have a mind to ask come. they are called for the prayer-meetings. It is a close to the heart of things, but the smile passed away as he said:

"Brother Emmons, do you remember what the Master said, 'If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God or whether I speak of myself?"

"Well, we would like to hev you come along with as and do you come." of myself?"

"Well, it's so," answered the deacon,
"Well, it's so," answered the deacon,
"Well, it's so right along. Why, I never
thought so much of my Bible class nor
thought so my Bible class nor
the my Bible class

of our doors here; let every one who will hold, on to my tongue and temper one Examiner. Late that day to preach the gospel to day

fully: it was something fixed and positive to do; it was the lever-point that Archinedes longed for, and each one felt ready

from their faces; they looked downcast, each one tore a bit of paper from eye gave silent response. be sheet placed in the hymn-books for the purpose, and wrote on it a name. The Pastor said, after he had counted

them; "Descon Emmons, the lot has make the fire, and my boy Joe had forfallen on you. "I'm sorry for't," said the deacon, to give him 'Jessie, when it came over rising and taking off his overcoat. "I me suddin that this was the day of ha'nt got the best of records, Mr. Parkes, prayer for the family relation. I thought

Parkes. ... We want to know the whole burned up good I called my wife. experience of some one among us, and we Dear me, said she. ... I've got such a know you will not tell us either more or headache, 'Siah, but I'll come in a minit." less than what you did experience."

hair, who kept the village store, and had not bein' bitter against 'em, so I says, a well-earned reputation for honesty.

Well, brethren, he said, "I dono and me can get the vittles to-day.' I dewhy I shouldn't tell it. I am pretty well clare she turned over and gave me sech a I tell you it come hard! I hankered after kitchen say to Emmy, 'I do believe Em, that drink of coffee dreadful! Seemed as pa's goin' to die.' 'Why, Josiar Emmons, though I could not eat my breakfast how you talk!' 'Well, I do; he's so everthat loves liquor mor'n ever I did in my but think he's struck with death. life before; but I feel sure they can stop "I tell ye, brethren. I set right down

The communion service of January was another fight. I.do set by pie the most Why, there was my own children never net over in the church at Sugar Hollow, of anything. I was fetched up on pie, see me act real fatherly and pretty in mi people were waiting for Mr. Parkes to as you might say. Dur folks always had all their lives. I'd growled and scolded fire out the hymn, but he did not give it it three times a day, and the doctor he's and prayed at 'em, and tried to fetch 'em be laid his book down on the table, and booked about on his church.

The was a man of simplicity and single was a man of simplicity and single with all his might, but the dyspepsy like every they do it with all his might, but the dyspepsy like every they do it with all his might, but the dyspepsy like every they do in reason to expect I'd and unreliable as a weather-cock. An do in part as well as their n. Seemed as Doctor Drake he says there won't noth though I was findin' out more about Josiah Emmons's shortcomings than was practical plumbing, ind mechanics, for Sugar Hollow was cut ing for breakfast, for 'twas Monday, and 'Come around Friday I got back to wife was kind of set back with washin' the store. I'd kind of left it to the boys and all, and I come across that part where the early part of the week, and things and manufactory; yet on the hills it says that the bodies of Christians are was a little cutering, but I did have sense AND STEAM FITTING. temples of the Holy Ghost. Well, thinks not to tear around and use sharp words I, we'd ought to take care of 'em if they so much as common. I began to think be, and see that they're kept clean and 'twas getting easy to practice after five pleasant, like the church; and nobody days, when in come Judge Herrick's cal comment of the men who piqued, can be clean nor pleasant that has dys- wife after some curt'in calico. I had a

gral problems, as well as hot iron; with "But, come to pie, I felt as though I and things, but there was a fault in the ealousy and repulsion and bitter couldn't! and look ye! I didn't! I eat a weavin', every now and then a thin that has bred the communistic piece right against my conscience; facin' streak. She didn't notice it, but she was order abroad and at home; while perhaps what I knew I ought to do, I went out pleased with the figures on it, and said had a still harder task to awaken the and did what I ought not to do. I tell ye she'd take the whole piece. Well, just a souls of those who used their my conscience made music of me considers. I was wrappin' of it up, what Mr. we to struggle with barren hillside and erable, and I said then I wouldn't never Parkes here said about tryin' to act just was pasture for the mere food and cloth- sneer at a drinkin' man no more, when he as the Lord would in our place, come

bein believe on the Lord and follow his up to Sunday-school as they ought, along 'Mis' Herrick,' says I, 'I don't believe

we he was to put it in practice; yet he Well, 'twould take the evening to tell to think how many times before I'd done It peruliarly responsible and solemnized, it all, but I found one real sick, been a sech mean, onreliable little things to bed for three weeks, and was so glad to turn a penny, and then all the time seeme that I felt fairly 'shamed of my-sayin' and prayin' that I wanted to be like Christ. I kep' a trippin' of myself up will come back to the habitual reader, the for the first time, saying, Inasmuch as all day jest in the ordinary business, and the ordinary business. refer and his brethren when they stood ve did it not unto me.' than I was Thursday. I'd rather, as far lefter the council: "It this counsel or "Then another man's old mother says as the nard work is concerned, lay a mile

'He's been a-sayin' that if folks twelve hours; and the heft of that is, it's So, with the sense of strength, the min- practised what they preached, you'd ha' because I ain't used to it, and I ought ster spoke: "My dear friends," he said, come round to look him up afore now, to be. you all know, though I did not give any but he reckoned you kinder looked down

other, that a succession of prayer-meet- ye, but I learned more about the Lord's knocked to her door. Says I, 'Good

out mean to have you go home and A smile he could not repress passed over want to pop right out that I'd come to aguely endeavor to walk straight in the Mr. Parkes' earnest face. The deacon try a convert her folks. I hemmed and way: I want you to take 'topics, as had forgotton all external issues in com- swallowed a little, and fin'lly I said, says

Fithers, provoke not your children to better blieve. That black bull had been much as think of goodness before. Then be not bitter against them.' These are levis rarely commented upon, I have levis square Tucker's in th' aftermath, and it's Square Tucker's in th' aftermath, and it's Square Tucker's in the above to a breakin' into my lots ever since we got I went to another place, just like that—I went't another place, just like that—I went't another place, just like that—I went't another place, just like that—I went to another place, just like that—I went't another place, just like th

Saturday is prayer day for the heathen hind the door. I see pretty distinct what come, and here I be. I've been searched through missions. Brethren, you sort of life I'd been livin all the years and I know that there are heathen I'd been a professor, when I couldn't God be merciful to me a sinner."-The

Perhaps you will find work that ye harsh voice, somewhat broken with the cremation society. on Saturday evening meet here again Emmons came around like a man an' a and clause one brother to relate his ex- Christian right there. He asked me to better to relate his ex-better to relate his ex-forgive him, and not to think 'twas the fault of his religion, because 'twas his'n, at Bloomfield, N. J., on Wednesday, fault of his religion, because 'twas his'n, and nothing else. I think more of him who have stirred though his wife pulled at him who have stirred though his wife pulled at him who have stirred though his wife pulled at him wouldn't saw I'd processes. at him, and whispered to him implor-one that wouldn't say I'd practice with the like the shook his grizzled head and the rest of ye. I thought 'twas everlastin' nonsense. I'd rather go to forty-nine her us sing the doxology," said Mr. prayer-meetin's than work at bein' good The new idea had roused the church of them that perish; it hain't worked,

Saturday hight the church assembled Amos Tucker sat down, and buried his arain. The cheerful eagerness was gone grizzled head in his rough hands. "Bless the Lord!" said the quavering troubled, weary—as the pastor expected, tones of a still older man, from a far cor-When the box for ballots was passed ner of the house, and many a glistening

minister. "Well, when next day come I got up to the latest and important improvements

got the kindlin's. I'd opened my mouth ow I tell ye."

"That isn't what we want," said Mr. the kindlin's myself, and when the fire

I didn't mind that, for women are always Deacon Emmons was a short, thick-set havin' aches, and I was just agoin' to man, with a shrewd kindly face, and gray say so, when I remembered the tex about

ashamed of myself, no doubt, but I ought look; why it struck right in. There was to be, and maybe I shall profit by what my wife, that had worked for an' waited I've found out these six days back. I'll on me twenty odd years, most scar't betell you just as it come. Monday I looked cause I spoke kind of feelin to her. I about me to begin with. I am amazing went and fetched in the pail o' water fond of coffee, and it ain't good for me; she'd always drawn herself, and then the doctor says it ain't; but dear me, it milked the cow. - When I came in Philury does set a man up good, cold mornings, was up frying the potatoes, and the tears to have a cup of hot, sweet, tasty drink, a shinin' on her white face. She didn't and I haven't had the grit to refuse! I say nothin', she's kinder still, but she knew it made me what other folks call hadn't no need to. I felt a little meaner'n nervous, but I call cross, before night I did the day before. But 'twan't comes; and I knew it fetched on spells of nothing to my condition when I was low spirits, when our folks couldn't get a goin', towards night, down the suller stairs word out of me-not a good one, any way, for some apples, so's the children could so I thought I'd try on that to begin with. have a roast, and I heerd Joe up in the without it. I know how to pity a man lastin' pleasant and good natured I can't

it if they'll try, for I've stopped, and I'm on them suller steps and cried. I did reely. Seemed as though the Lord had turned "Well, come to dinner, there was and looked at me just as he did at Peter.

han some piece, all done off with roses slipped up. I'd feel for him and help him, for I see how it was. So that day's practice gave out, but it learnt me a good deal more than I knew before.

It steemed sometimes to Mr. Parkes that but the trump of Gabriel could "I started out next day to look up my really cheatin', and cheatin' a woman. Poststeps. To day, no—a long time be-back, but I was busy here and there, and there didn't seem to be a real chance to didn't take it; but what fetched me was didn't take it; but what fetched me was

"So this mornin' came around, and I to that effect, that this week is the on the mill hands. I'm awful glad you felt a mite more cherk. Twas missionary mornin', and seemed as if 'twas a sight "Brethering, so was I. I tell you that casier to preach than to practice. I day's work done me good. I got a poor thought I'd begin to old Mis' Vedder's. So I put a Testament in my pocket and would not, perhaps, so thoroughly ways than a month of Sundays ever mornin, ma'am, and then I stopped.
Words seemed to hang somehow. I didn't

Hantam. Few of us can go twenty- not since I begun to teach. I b'lieve we ain't a pious lot, and you knowed it we're poorer'n death and uglier'n sin. they'll come more regular now, too.

"Now come fellowship day. I thought that day cultivating our wrethren here, let us go and see those who have promoted breaches of friend-lip, confess our shortcomings one to have promoted breaches of friend-lip, confess our shortcomings one to have promoted breaches of friend-lip, confess our shortcomings one to have promoted breaches of friend-lip, confess our shortcomings one to have promoted breaches of friend-lip, confess our shortcomings one to have promoted breaches of friend-lip, confess our shortcomings one to have promoted breaches of friend-lip, confess our shortcomings one to have promoted breaches of friend-lip, confess our shortcomings one to have promoted breaches of friend-lip, confess our shortcomings one to have promoted breaches of friend-lip, confess our shortcomings one to have promoted breaches of friend-lip, confess our shortcomings one to have promoted breaches of friend-lip, confess our shortcomings one to have promoted breaches of friend-lip, confess our shortcomings one to have promoted breaches of friend-lip, confess our shortcomings one to have promoted breaches of friend-lip, confess our shortcomings one to have promoted breaches of friend-lip, confess our shortcomings one to have promoted breaches of friend-lip, confess our shortcomings one to have promoted breaches of friend-lip, confess our shortcomings one to have promoted breaches of friend-lip, confess our shortcomings one to have promoted breaches of friend-lip, confess our shortcomings one to have promoted breaches of friend-lip, confess our shortcomings one to have promoted breaches of friend-lip, confess our shortcomings one to have promoted breaches of file and two least towards everybody; so I went t triday, the church is to be prayed but us then, each for himself, try to booked up and says, says helically just as we think Christ, our let us try to prove to ourselves. I out determined better bineve I didn't save em before in all these years. I'd said considerable about the heathen in foreign parts, and gave some little for to convert em, and I had looked right over the heads of them that was next door. Seemed as though I could hear Him say, the try to prove to ourselves. Let us try to prove to ourselves world about us, that we have not young his name lightly or in vain
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